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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q64671

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Appln. No.: 09/909,988

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Confirmation No.: 1372

Examiner: Jason Prone

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ESTIMATING A LIFE-SPAN OF A CUTTER

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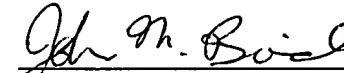
Sir:

An Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 is attached hereto for concurrent filing in the above-identified application. The resulting excess claim fee has been calculated as shown below:

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